

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WINSTON EYE AND
VISION CENTER'S 80TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate Winston Eye and Vision Center for its 80 years of business serving the wonderful people of the Knoxville community.

In 1942, Dr. Harold J. Winston moved to Knoxville to start an optometry practice and create a good life for himself, his new wife, and the children they planned to have together. Decades later, the center enabled him to work alongside two of his sons, Jerry and Barry Winston, who followed in their father's footsteps and joined his practice after receiving their doctorates in optometry.

The practice expanded to three generations in 2011 when Harold's grandson, Dr. Samuel A. Winston, joined the practice. A few short months later, in December 2011, Dr. Harold Winston passed away, but his legacy and practice are carried on by his sons and grandson who continue to run the business that brought him such great joy during his life.

Congratulations to the Winston family, employees, and everyone involved in helping Winston Eye and Vision Center serve members of our great community for the past 80 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 165. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 165.

THANKING VELMON WASHINGTON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Velmon Washington for his twenty-two years of dedicated service as an employee of this House. Mr. Washington began his service with the Office of the Clerk in October 2000 as a Data Processing Specialist, and he was in that position for three years before being promoted to an Assistant Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Most recently, he was made Senior Requisitions and Printing Clerk. Mr. Washington's service with the Office of the Clerk caps

eighteen years of outstanding service. I congratulate him on his retirement at the end of June.

Mr. Washington's many years of experience made him an expert in the inner workings of the Clerk's Office and the operations it oversees. He has worked directly with customers from Member and House Committee offices, supplying them with official letterhead and other important materials needed to serve constituents effectively. Mr. Washington also provided valuable assistance to many of the divisions within the Clerk's organization, including the Office of Communications and the Clerk's personal office in support of special projects. He was responsible for keeping track of dozens of requisitions every week using a unique requisitions website, and, for each new Congress, Mr. Washington prepared for months in advance to assemble—and often hand deliver—materials to all new Members on their first day in session.

Madam Speaker, outside of work Mr. Washington is a dedicated husband and father. He inspired his two children with patriotism and public service, and both have served in our nation's Armed Forces—something that makes him very, very proud. I thank Mr. Washington for his dedication, his love of country, and for his many years of service to the Clerk's Office, and I wish him all the best in his retirement. I hope my colleagues will all join me in expressing the gratitude of this House and offering our congratulations.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
THE REV. DR. B.R. DANIELS, SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend Dr. B. R. Daniels, Sr. Daniels was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, pastor, and teacher best known for his service to the Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church community. After spending almost four years at the Saint John Baptist Church in Avalon, Texas, Reverend Daniels started his pastorate at Beth-Eden in December of 1972, there were 37 members on the roll and only 18 active members. Within a year, the church had grown to 196 congregants. After serving the church for a record-breaking 50 years, Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church included well over 400 members. The success of Beth-Eden Missionary Baptist Church testifies to the love Reverend Daniels poured into the community and the devotion with which they reciprocated. While he led the Church through years of prosperity, a 3.2 million dollar building program was completed. This exemplifies the long-lasting legacies he will leave for decades to come.

Not only was Reverend Daniels a man of love, but also a man of action. During his life,

he held many positions on the local, state, and national levels. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Evangelistic Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. for four years, and for 15 years, he served as Moderator of the Northwestern District Baptist Association where he recently served as Vice Moderator. He also proudly served as President of the BM&E State Convention of Texas and retired from it in March 2022. Additionally, Reverend Daniels was Vice President-at-Large of the BM&E State Convention of Texas, a member of the Board of Directors of Southern Bible Institute and served on the Zoning Commission of the City of Fort Worth.

No one can truly know how many people's lives he touched with his daily doses of wisdom. This week, my district not only lost an extraordinarily talented pastor but, more importantly, we lost a truly good man who contributed so much to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF JON J.P.
FERNANDEZ TO THE COMMUNITY
OF GUAM AS SUPERINTENDENT
OF EDUCATION

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary leader and public servant, Mr. Jon J.P. Fernandez, and congratulate him for over a decade of service to the People of Guam as Superintendent of Education. I would like to further commend him for his distinguished advocacy, commitment to community, and investment in the future of our island, region, nation, and world as demonstrated throughout his tenure at the helm of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE).

In navigating a unique path to public service, Superintendent Fernandez first earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Arkansas in 1995. He then went on to obtain his master's in public policy from Harvard University and, by 2005, gained a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. Building the foundations for an accomplished career, Superintendent Fernandez served as a Senior Analyst in Strategic Consulting for CB Richard Ellis/Torto Wheaton Research and later served in our Nation's capital as both a policy director for D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams and Managing Director for the Federal City Council.

Upon returning home to lead GDOE's 41 schools, approximately 28,000 schoolchildren, and 3,800 employees while managing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual local and federal funding, Superintendent Fernandez charted a course renewed in purpose and charged with progress. Under his leadership, GDOE increased its graduation rate to a record-high 89 percent in 2021, became the

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first WASC school district to gain accreditation for all its schools, achieved nine consecutive clean financial and compliance audits, removed four of its seven special compliance conditions imposed by the USDOE, founded its first K-5 CHamoru language immersion program, created vital credit recovery programs for Guam's two success academies, established a new Tiyan High School, expanded Okkodo High School, and renovated Untalan Middle School. Outside of improved standards and instruction, he has also spearheaded the integration of technology and STEM in the classroom, expansion of programs that promote college and career readiness, and a bolstered school-based behavioral health support system while securing accolades such as two MagPro Best Government Large Agency of the Year awards, three Pika's Best Government Agency of the Year awards, and the 2019 Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award. Moreover, amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, Superintendent Fernandez catalyzed comprehensive community support to include launching school meal and community feeding sites, implementing distance learning, ensuring safe practices and protocols in all schools, mobilizing vaccination clinics for employees and students, and pushing for students to return to the classroom.

Beyond these organizational triumphs, Superintendent Fernandez further realized historic personal achievements. In addition to holding the titles as both GDOE's longest-serving superintendent since World War II and the nation's longest-tenured Chief State School Officer, he is the first superintendent from Guam to serve as Commissioner for the Accrediting Commission for Schools (WASC) and be elected to the Board of Directors of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the People of Guam, offering my greatest appreciation to Superintendent Jon J. P. Fernandez for over ten years of invaluable service to generations of students and their families. His resolve to stand up quality education and youth support systems, advance departmental and interagency collaborations, and cultivate meaningful connections at the intersections of education, community, and civic involvement has transformed the foothold of our collective progress and continues to inspire many throughout our island, and I wish him and his family the best during the next chapter of their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: yea on rollcall No. 257; and nay on rollcall No. 267.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CLELA ROREX

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a proud Coloradan, a champion for equality and a beacon of hope in our community, Clela Rorex, who passed away on June 19, 2022.

Clela served her state honorably as the Clerk & Recorder for Boulder County from 1975 to 1977. Early in her tenure, in 1975, she became the first county clerk in the nation to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple. And in so doing, she changed the lives of countless families across the country. Clela firmly believed in equality under the law, and was a proud champion for justice and inclusion, believing that every American's freedom to live without fear of discrimination must be protected.

Clela was truly a pillar in our community and a symbol of hope for families across our country. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those who knew and loved her.

As we mourn her passing, we will remember her life and be inspired by her devotion to making this world a better place.

HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PERSONNEL

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between our ports of entry. They protect Americans against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce our laws and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play each day may differ, the men and women of CBP share one common goal: to keep our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. They provide selfless service to our country, and they do so with honor and distinction under an ever-present and evolving threat. I wish to pay tribute to the agents, officers and employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our Nation by honoring 37 courageous men and women of CBP who have died in the line of duty. Today we commemorate these brave men and women, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful nation. I include in the RECORD a list of these agents and officers:

Wolf Valmond, CBP Officer Trainee; End of Watch: December 15, 2019.

Juan Ollervidez III, CBP Agriculture Specialist; End of Watch: December 16, 2020.

Denis Jasper Wells, Facility Operations Specialist; End of Watch: December 17, 2020.

Andrew R. Bouchard, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 19, 2020.

Troy A. Adkins, CBP Officer; End of Watch: December 31, 2020.

Byron Shields, CBP Officer; End of Watch: January 20, 2021.

Beverly Good, Director of Field Operations; End of Watch: January 28, 2021.

Robert Allan Mayer Jr., Special Agent; End of Watch: January 30, 2021.

Rudy Morales Jr., Maintenance Mechanic; End of Watch: February 5, 2021.

Cesar Sibonga, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 7, 2021.

Genaro Guerrero, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 15, 2021.

Carlos C. Mendoza, CBP Officer; End of Watch: February 24, 2021.

Crispin San Jose, CBP Officer; End of Watch: March 9, 2021.

Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: March 15, 2021.

Christopher Shane Simpkins, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: April 12, 2021.

Freddie Vasquez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 8, 2021.

Juan M. Urrutia, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: May 28, 2021.

Ruben Facio, CBP Officer; End of Watch: July 17, 2021.

Edgardo Acosta-Feliciano, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Daniel P. Cox, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: July 31, 2021.

Ricardo Zarate, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 16, 2021.

Yokemia L. Conyers, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 18, 2021.

Monica J. Riola, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 20, 2021.

Erik J. Skelton, CBP Officer; End of Watch: August 24, 2021.

Chad E. McBroom, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: August 29, 2021.

Francisco V. Tomas, CBP Technician; End of Watch: September 1, 2021.

David B. Saavedra, CBP Officer; End of Watch: September 2, 2021.

Luis H. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 23, 2021.

David B. Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 26, 2021.

Alfredo M. Ibarra, Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: September 27, 2021.

Victor Donate, CBP Officer; End of Watch: October 7, 2021.

David H. Gray, Enforcement Analysis Specialist; End of Watch: October 8, 2021.

Rafael G. Sanchez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: October 24, 2021.

Mathew L. Lyons, Port Director; End of Watch: October 28, 2021.

Anibal "Tony" Perez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 5, 2021.

Martin Barrios, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 29, 2021.

Salvador Martinez Jr., Border Patrol Agent; End of Watch: November 30, 2021.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE (VINS) IN QUECHEE, VERMONT

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work and enduring impact of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS) in Quechee, VT. I would also like to congratulate them as they celebrate their 50 Year Anniversary. Since their opening in October of 1972, VINS has served as a pillar of the community, educating Vermonters

on the beautiful wildlife in our state and what we can do to conserve it. The organization and its staff have shown a remarkable commitment to research, conservation and education.

The genesis of VINS can be traced back to David Laughlin, who spearheaded a study of the Ottauquechee River in central Vermont. The river was found to be badly polluted by waste and runoff. Joining Dr. Laughlin's efforts were his wife Sally Laughlin, Rick Farrar, and June McKnight. The group's efforts ultimately led to the first water quality litigation in the state of Vermont. The group built on the momentum from the victorious river cleanup, remaining vigilant in their commitment to preserving the river's future. Their brainstorming culminated into the idea to establish an environmental organization aimed at educating young children. Thus, came the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in 1972.

Since its founding, VINS' mission has stressed education as a critical tool in changing perspectives and maintaining a healthy environment. Early on, Sally Laughlin led the charge to establish a bird-banding project with the help of her experienced colleague, Rick Farrar. The bird banding program, educational activities, and the river clean-up, established VINS as a critical Vermont institution.

Today, VINS is defined by its environmental and education focus at the VINS Nature Center, with 35 exhibit and education raptors utilized in daily live education programs from a trained educator's hand; the Forest Canopy Walk and Outdoor Classroom; the ADA trail network; VINS School Programs, which reach 3,400 students and 600 teachers each year; the Adventure Playscape; and the Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation. The rehabilitation center treats injured birds found throughout the state with the eventual goal of releasing them back into the wild. The center treated a record of 1,098 birds last year alone. Those birds which cannot be released safely are kept at VINS' Nature Center as "ambassadors" for their species to help educate curious visitors.

As Executive Director Charles Rattigan takes VINS into its next 50 years, the institute remains a sought-after destination for visitors and residents of Vermont and the Upper Valley. This year alone, over 69,000 visitors passed through its gates to learn about raptors, native species and the environments in which they live. Curious people of all ages learned how to actively care for our natural world, helping to fulfill VINS' crucial mission of motivating individuals and communities to care for their environment. I want to recognize VINS for its passionate commitment to education, research and avian wildlife rehabilitation. VINS continues to be an influential steward of the natural world, in Vermont and beyond.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 1086

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the importance of commemorating the 50th anniversary of U.S.-Bangladesh relations. In my district, my hometown of Buffalo, New York hosts a significant

Bangladeshi population that contributes to Buffalo's rich cultural diversity and helps the city live up to its moniker as the City of Good Neighbors. I am proud to be representing the more than 10,000 Bangladeshi constituents in my district, and recently introduced H. Res. 1086 honoring the 50th anniversary of U.S.-Bangladesh relations.

The United States recognized the independence of Bangladesh on April 4, 1972. Since then, our two nations have cooperated on a myriad of issues, including the protection of Rohingya refugees fleeing genocide, the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and the continuation of a peaceful and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

The past thirty-five years have witnessed an influx of Bangladeshi immigrants to the United States, making the group the fastest growing Asian-American population in the country. In Buffalo, these individuals have established vibrant communities all over the city, with a specific concentration on the East Side including the neighborhoods of Broadway-Fillmore, Genesee Moselle, Fillmore-Leroy, and Kensington. Members of the Bangladeshi community have started businesses, are renovating vacant homes, and are enriching the fabric of our region through their cultural contributions.

The Bangladeshi population has made it a priority to foster a sense of community and cultural identity among its members. It has founded organizations such as the Bangladesh Society of Buffalo and the Buffalo Bangla Newspaper with this particular goal in mind. Furthermore, the ranks of Bengali-speaking students enrolled in Buffalo Public Schools have continued to swell, and I am grateful to see to this cross-cultural cooperation in our city.

I look forward to welcoming further Bangladeshi immigrants to the United States and continue to admire the unique perspectives and experiences they bring to our nation. Madam Speaker, I am grateful to express my deep appreciation for the long-standing relationship and cooperation between the United States and Bangladesh.

SUPPORTING SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO S. 2938

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, with the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Congress has come together to address the deadly gun violence epidemic that has plagued our communities and the innocent children in them for far too long. The Act will finally codify enhanced background checks for individuals under 21, fund mental health and school safety, provide incentives for states to implement "red flag" laws, limit the "boyfriend loophole" and prohibit the straw purchasing and trafficking of firearms—a provision that I have worked on for over a decade. This legislation represents one of the most significant steps Congress has taken to reduce gun violence in nearly 30 years. The American public and its children will be safer because of the passage of this groundbreaking bipartisan bill and the

legacy of this legislation will resonate for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN PRATHER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize and celebrate Ms. Helen Prather, a long-time resident of Detroit in Michigan's 13th Congressional District as she celebrates a milestone, her one hundred fifth birthday.

Born in 1917, Ms. Prather was one of ten siblings in her close-knit family. She grew up in the heart of Detroit near Grand River. In her youth and throughout her life, Ms. Prather was a tireless fighter for advancement and protection of civil rights. She was also especially proud of her long career in social services, from which she retired at the age of eighty-eight.

Ms. Prather has always valued her family life. She raised her children in Detroit alongside her dear husband Joseph, to whom she was happily married for more than sixty years until his death in 2005. Ms. Prather has been an anchoring presence in her family, remaining steadfast in her love for her multigenerational family, which includes her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchild.

Ms. Helen Prather is truly cherished by her family, friends, and neighbors. Please join me in wishing her a very happy birthday, surrounded by love and light.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2022 STANLEY CUP WINNERS COLORADO AVALANCHE

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues: Congressman Ed PERLMUTTER, Congressman KEN BUCK, Congressman JOE NEGUSE, Congressman JASON CROW, and Congresswoman LAUREN BOEBERT, to recognize the best team in U.S. hockey, the Colorado Avalanche. We make this tribute after the Avalanche clinched the 2022 Stanley Cup with their Game 6 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

For fans of the Colorado Avalanche, who have patiently waited for more than 20 years to see our favorite team triumphantly raise the Stanley Cup again, the journey to Sunday night's victory has been long but worth the wait. We have watched this team battle through setbacks and injuries with admirable grit and determination, culminating this year in a 16-4 post-season record and a well-deserved trophy.

To secure their spot in the Stanley Cup Finals, the Avalanche overcame formidable teams, including their Western Conference challengers the Edmonton Oilers, who they swept in four games to advance to the Finals. There, they defeated the two-time defending

champions, the Lightning, in an exciting six-game series. The Avalanche took an early 2–0 lead in the series after notching wins in Games 1 and 2. Then, after suffering a loss in Game 3, a nail-biting overtime win in Game 4, and another loss in Game 5, the Avalanche emerged as victors in a well-played and hard-fought Game 6.

Truly, the credit for this team's incredible victory goes to the combined talent, drive, and sacrifice made by each player and member of the coaching staff and management. The immense skill and leadership demonstrated by this special group of players and coaches, both on and off the ice, is extraordinary.

On behalf of Avalanche fans everywhere, especially those in our home state of Colorado, we are incredibly proud to celebrate this team's tremendous victory; to have the Stanley Cup back in Colorado—exactly where it belongs; and to cheer on the nation's best hockey team to even more victories in the future: Go Avs Go.

RECOGNIZING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE OLD CATHEDRAL," SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN ALTON, ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, in Alton, Illinois. The church, completed in 1857, remains a beautiful example of Gothic architecture in the Metro East region. On January 9, 1857, the Diocese Episcopal See was transferred to Alton from Quincy, and the Most Reverend Henry Damien Junker became Alton's first bishop. The Most Reverend Peter Baltes succeeded him in 1870, followed by the third and final Bishop of Alton, the Most Reverend James Ryan, in 1886. Below the church are the tombs of the first two bishops of the Diocese of Alton. During its life as the Diocese Cathedral, our country was torn apart at the seams by Civil War, was reunited, and then grew into a global power. We celebrated the St. Louis World's Fair, saw our dirt roads paved over, and had our lives changed by revolutionary inventions. In 2015, the SS. Peter & Paul Parish had a beautiful carillon installed in the bell tower to beckon all to come and worship. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 165th anniversary of "The Old Cathedral," SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, and celebrating its many contributions to Alton and the surrounding communities.

KEIRA NICOLE LIPP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keira Nicole Lipp for achieving the new world record for youngest person to ski on all seven continents.

Keira first learned to ski in her home state of Colorado at just two years old. She began

exploring the slopes of the Rocky Mountains and then went on to ski in Italy (Europe), Australia, South Korea (Asia), Morocco (Africa), and Antarctica. To prepare for the toughest continent in the world, Antarctica, Keira needed to ski at an expert-level and be comfortable skiing backcountry. She skied two different sides of a nunatak in Antarctica on February 1, 2022. And with her father and brother by her side, Keira conquered the snowy slopes of Portillo, Chile, skiing her 7th continent at just ten years old and breaking the world record—a tremendous and inspiring feat!

As a courageous elementary school student from Golden, Colorado, Keira has shown immense perseverance and determination. She has put in countless hours of training even in the summer months when ski resorts were closed, skiing small glaciers and permanent snowfields.

She is now currently working on her next goal of becoming a better skier than her father while she is still a kid. I cannot wait to see all of her future accomplishments and I wish her all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF MR.
SEAN SANFORD SIMS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Sean Sanford Sims who passed away on June 19, 2022. His honorable service to our country, the state of Michigan, and to our local community is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Sims was born on December 28, 1970, to Shirley Ann and Walter Sims of Detroit, Michigan. He was the brother of Willie Erwin. In 1989, after graduating from Chadsey High School, he heard the call of his Nation and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During his time of military duty, he courageously served in the Persian Gulf and Desert Storm Wars, rising to the rank of Lance Corporal at the time of his honorable discharge. After completing his military service, he returned home and went on to receive his higher education degrees, earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in Social Work, both from Wayne State University.

A dedicated member of his community, Mr. Sims was employed by the State of Michigan after his time in the military. Since 2000, he worked as a Veteran Career Advisor within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity at Michigan Works! in Ypsilanti. Throughout his career, he touched the lives of many, changing their path for good. He provided training, counseling, and case management to Michigan veterans in Washtenaw County and from around southeast Michigan.

Mr. Sims was a reliable, kind man that cared deeply about his friends and family. He enjoyed meeting and talking to all kinds of people, was committed to public service, and always made sure to make time for those he cared about. Mr. Sims enjoyed the little things in life and always finding something to laugh about. He resided in Ann Arbor and was a father figure to those who knew him, including Patrick.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Sean Sanford

Sims. He was a dedicated veteran, a true public servant, and most importantly—a friend to all. He will be deeply missed, and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

HONORING MATTHEW SMITH

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today, and I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Matthew Smith for more than 35 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith began his service with the Office of the Clerk in December 1986 as an Office Supply Clerk where he served in that position for 2 years. Matthew was subsequently promoted to the Records and Registration section, still within the Clerk's organization, where for the next 5 years he served in three different capacities which included the following positions, Processing Clerk, Microfilmer Clerk and Data Processing Clerk.

In July of 1995, Matthew transitioned to the Clerk's Legislative Resource Center where he served as General Clerk, an Assistant Registration and Compliance Clerk, and in his most recent capacity, as a Public Information Specialist, where he has served for the last 19 years. In his current position, Matthew provides excellent customer service to those patrons who visit and call requesting documents. Matthew is the longest tenured employee in the Clerk's House Document Room where he serves in the capacity as Public Information Specialist. Matthew's institutional knowledge is an important asset to the House Document Room team. Matt has become the resident expert on all House Document Room equipment, including the high production printer and Digibinder. Over the years, Matt's patience and outgoing demeanor have assisted in molding him into an excellent coach to the new employees on all relevant processes; and Matt has helped considerably by drafting and sharing step-by-step instructions on many of these processes.

Matthew is a dedicated husband and father. He frequently speaks fondly of his daughter who is the joy of his life. Matthew is very passionate about his own physical fitness, and he enjoys playing basketball; and over the years, Matthew has participated in several marathons.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased for this opportunity to acknowledge Matthew Smith for his outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIANT NATIONAL CAPITAL BARBECUE BATTLE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.

This District of Columbia tradition takes place during the first full week of summer each year and brings together tens of thousands D.C. area families and visitors to the nation's capital in the spirit of unity, community and celebration.

After two years of virtual events, the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle returned to Pennsylvania Avenue on June 25, 2022, featuring the Giant National BBQ Championship, the National Pork BBQ Championship, the Smokin' with Smithfield Rib Contest, the Perdue Sizzlin' Chicken Contest, the Turkey Smoke BBQ Cooking Contest, the Nation's Best BBQ Sauce Contest and, for the first time, the Beyond Meat Plant-Based Barbecue Championship.

The Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle has raised millions of dollars for D.C. charities and USO-Metro over the past 30 years and donated food to food banks.

This event draws some of D.C.'s and the nation's best barbecue talent, and the participants represent D.C. wherever state barbecue cooking championship winners are welcomed.

Madam Speaker, again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the aims and goals of the Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MONSIGNOR JOHN CISEWSKI PASTOR

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor John Cisewski, from the Archdiocese of New Orleans after 51 years of leading God's people as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Monsignor Cisewski was born in the Upper Peninsula of Iron Wood, Michigan to late Walter and Sophia Jean Cisewski. He will be joining the ranks of retirement along-side all his living siblings, Wally, Jim "Choo", Kay and Judy, all who have been retired in various fields for many years.

Monsignor Cisewski pronounced first vows and was ordained to the priesthood on October 16, 1971, at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church located in the Ninth Ward, Desire area in New Orleans. He studied at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans after completing graduate work with degrees in Master of Arts Theology and Master of Divinity. He then became the Associate Pastor of St. Philip the Apostle, followed by St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in Pontchartrain Park.

Forty-two years ago, Monsignor Cisewski rose to the ranks of pastor on March 17, 1980, at St. Monica Catholic Church. He later continued his ministry as pastor serving many parishes including St. Matthias Catholic Church; Our Lady of Lourdes (serving as dual pastor of two churches); St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, subsequently serving a pastor of the merged St. Raymond St. Leo the Great Catholic Church because of Hurricane Katrina; and his final assignment at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church in 2008, also created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, merging Holy Ghost Catholic Church and St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church.

Recognizing the great impact Monsignor Cisewski has on the many parishioners throughout Orleans Parish, he was selected to serve on Priests Council for three terms, the Priests Personnel Committee for seven years, over twenty years appointed by then tenured Archbishops as Dean in the Inner-City Deanery, City Park/Gentilly Deanery and twice for the University Deanery.

During the 1970's, Monsignor Cisewski taught Theology at St. Augustine High School and as Chaplain at Xavier University Preparatory High School, serving the youth in our community.

Monsignor Cisewski went beyond his spiritual calling to leave his footprint on this city on community growth. He completed a graduate degree with a master's degree in urban studies at the University of New Orleans. He worked closely with the parishioners of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church to establish the Desire Social Center in the Desire Housing Development area. He later worked closely with the parishioners and residents in Pontchartrain Park and Gentilly Woods creating the Pontilly Neighborhood Association, one of the most active neighborhood groups still in existence to this day.

And if you thought his plate was full, his service furthered having served as an active member over fifty years of the Knights of Peter Claver; the Faith Friar to E.O. Moss Grand Assembly No. 4 and also to M.L. Lunnon Grand Chapter No. 4. His tenure includes serving on the National Committee facilitating the establishment of the Fourth Degree for the Gracious Ladies of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. (Auxiliary).

A huge Congratulations and Best Wishes to Louisiana's adopted Son as he begins a much-deserved retirement effective the first day of July, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSTIN RHODES

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Austin Rhodes for thirty years in broadcasting at WGAC-AM 580 in Augusta.

I have been fortunate to have been a guest on Austin's radio program during my time in Congress and it is a pleasure to recognize him and his hard work in this chamber.

For three decades, Austin's program has brought news and commentary to countless listeners across Georgia and his hard work and dedication have enabled him to cement a lasting legacy in talk radio.

Congratulations to Austin and his entire team over at WGAC on thirty years of the Austin Rhodes Show.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 281. Had I been present, I would have voted "Aye" on Roll Call 281.

IN RECOGNITION OF CURTIS PAUL RAMSEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Curtis Paul Ramsey. A lifelong educator, Ramsey, spent every chance he had sharing his wisdom with others.

On November 24, 1926, Curtis was born in Denton, Texas. In his early years, he became a member of Boy Scout Troop 65. He then earned the ranking Eagle Scout and later attended the Troops 100th celebration in 2018. Curtis also was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He spent his time teaching adult Sunday school and serving as a youth counselor.

Ramsey graduated from Denton Senior High School. He attended North Texas State College, now known as the University of North Texas (UNT), where he was elected the 1950 Senior Class President. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Psychology, and completed a master's degree in Curriculum and Guidance at the same campus. His pursuit of education didn't stop as he then earned his Ph.D. in Education at George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. During his time at Peabody, Curtis conducted research with the hopes of improving educational outcomes.

Curtis served in World War II as a company clerk in Japan, later returning with a great appreciation for the Japanese people, their art and their culture.

His passion for education followed once he returned to the states. After the Brown vs. Board of Education decision, a Peabody Grant allowed Curtis to aid de-segregated school districts. Dr. Ramsey served as Chairman of the Elementary Education Department at Kent State University and in the Bridgeport and Stamford schools while advocating for Cleveland area schools. He then served as the Dean of the College of Education at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. His passion took him overseas as he taught at the Bir Zeit University as a Distinguished Visiting Professor in Education and Psychology.

Upon his return to Denton, he taught at Texas Women's University while serving on Denton's ISD School Board. His passion for education was demonstrated on the state and national level as he served on the Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) and with the Texas Legislative Taskforce lobbying in D.C.

Curtis treated the students of Denton ISD as his own. He was a beloved father to Rebecca Ramsey Lindrose, Cynthia Ramsey Despot, Dawn Ramsey, and Victoria Ramsey, and a devoted husband to Virginia Mary Ramsey. He was a proud grandfather of four grandchildren and a great-grandfather to six great-grandchildren.

Curtis Ramsey's positive impact spread beyond the city of Denton and Denton ISD. Everywhere he went, he shared himself personally and professionally. He was a father, a husband, a grandfather, a friend, a son, a Denton native, and most of all, a respected and dedicated educator.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ANDREW KALMAR'S RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Andrew Kalmar's retirement as Wood County Administrator and recognize his outstanding career. Andrew has been administrator for twenty-two years and has proven himself to be a leader for both his department and county.

Andrew, originally from Troy, Ohio, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He also received a Master of Public Administration degree. Andrew began his career with the Wood County Commissioners in January 2000 after serving as the director of the Wood County Park District.

Over the span of Andrew's tenure as administrator, Wood County has built a strong financial position, experienced economic growth and development, made improvements to county facilities, and increased efficiency of departmental operations. Also, Andrew played

a key role in the construction of the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium at the Wood County Courthouse and office complex. During the last two years, Andrew has been instrumental in guiding Wood County through the COVID-19 pandemic while still maintaining productivity throughout all aspects of county work. Andrew's character and leadership have contributed to the success of Wood County, making it a remarkable place to live and work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Andrew Kalmar in recognition of his service to Wood County. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish Andrew all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his many years of service.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
SCOTT BROWN

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2022

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Scott Brown from Se-

attle, Washington who is retiring from Roosevelt High School as the director of bands after 38 years of dedicated service.

Over his distinguished career, Mr. Brown has inspired and empowered thousands of students in Washington's 7th Congressional District. Mr. Brown was committed to ensuring his students had the resources they needed to succeed and had an expectation of excellence, holding his students to the highest standards. His dedication helped lead the Roosevelt High School Jazz Band to four first place wins at the Essentially Ellington Festival and between 1999 and 2022, the band made it to the finals of the competition an unprecedented 22 times. Mr. Brown's efforts and passion for teaching have not gone unrecognized. In 2004, Mr. Brown was named Jazz Educator of the Year by DownBeat magazine and both the Washington Music Educators Association and Seattle's Earshot Jazz have inducted him into their halls of fame.

Now, as he enters retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. Brown's accomplishments and service to his students. Through his students, Mr. Brown's legacy will continue to grow and touch the lives of those in the Seattle metropolitan area and beyond.